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Two Traps For The U.S.

Several weeks ago I warned that in negotiations on the German situation, we must guard against two pitfalls. One was the fact that any conference with the Russian communists, as usual would provide additional propaganda for the Reds. The other was that our great ally, Britain, might once more be forming American foreign policy—naturally in Britain's interest. rather than in America's interest.

Nothing much has happened at the Geneva conference to indicate that we have not fallen into both these traps. Certainly the meeting provided propaganda fodder for the Reds. This was evident in the mere fact that once again the powerful Western countries were willing to sit down with Red Russia. And this propaganda victory will be multiplied a thousandfold if and when Khrushchev, gets his summit conference. Thus we continue to give respectability to the Red regime in the eyes of neutralist nations, the conquered countries and the restless slaves inside Russia.

As for our British allies, they have borne out the prediction made by several close observers, as well as myself, that they are not primarily interested in keeping West Germany from falling into the Red orbit. They are much more interested in protecting and expanding British trade - which means playing power politics to maintain the old "balance of power" on the continent of Europe. This is not said in criticism of the British. It is merely pointing out the mistake we make when we allow a foreign power to influence our policies. Britain is willing to use any means to recapture her once dominant world-trading position.

The day after the Geneva conference opened, another little-

Behind The German Crisis

This might be a good time to get straight in our minds how the present mess in Germany came about — a mess which has in it elements of great danger for the whole world.

I have already reported to you on the manner in which the City of Berlin — the old capital of Germany — came to fall into Russian hands at the end of the Second World War. American and British

publicized meeting got under way in Moscow. The head of the British Board of Trade was in Moscow to see what he could do to build up trade between Britain and Red Russia. The object is to offset the new common trading agreement among West Germany, France and four other European countries. And the story going the rounds in Washington is that Winston Churchill's recent visit to the President was not purely social. He was here to sell the President on the idea that it's all right to deal with Khrushchev, and that the United States should not get too friendly with West Germany and deGaulle's France. I wonder how long it will be before we start deciding these matters for ourselves.

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troops were stopped at the Elbe River - 100 miles from Berlin - in order to permit the Russians, marching from the East, to capture and "liberate," as it was called, the capital city of Germany-General Eisenhower was then in command of the allied armies. American officers, newspaper correspondents, and Winston Churchill, pleaded and argued with him to continue his march and take

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Berlin. But he refused — and the allied armies stood still in order to let the Russians get to Berlin first. General Eisenhower has since taken full responsibility for this fateful decision, but there is little doubt about the fact that he was acting under orders from Washington — from an administration still beguiled by a belief that Reds could be trusted.

However, even before these sad events, the real damage was done by our wartime President, Franklin D. Roosevelt. But it is possible that to his dying day, he did not know that his buddy, Joe Stalin, then dictator of Red Russia, had pulled a fast one on him.

The story begins 15 years ago, in September, 1944. The war in Europe was nearing its end - it actually ended eight months later. The Russian armies, supplied and equipped by the United States, were driving the Germans back on the eastern front. The allied armies were closing in on the western front. PresidentRoosevelt was preparing to go to Quebec to meet Prime Minister Churchill in one of those wartime conferences. They were to decide on several matters, including what should be done about Germany after the defeat of Hitler and his Nazi armies. Before going to the conference, President Roosevelt named a cabinet-committee made up of Secretary of State Hull, Secretary of War Stimson and Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau to draw up a plan for post-war Germany, which he could present to Churchill at Ouebec.

This cabinet committee met several times. Secretary Hull presented a plan for Germany drawn up in the State Department. Then Secretary Morgenthau presented an entirely different plan. It called for reducing Germany to a weak, agricultural country, wiping out practically all her industries, and dismembering her into several sections, one of which would be turned over to Soviet Russia. Hull called it "blind vengeance" and said later it "angered me as much as anything that had happened during my career as Secretary." Stimson said it brought about the most violent single inter-departmental struggle of his career.

But Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau insisted on his plan. Of course, Stimson and Hull would not agree. Then Roosevelt went to Quebec to meet Churchill. Wi thout inviting either Hull or Stimson to the conference, he asked Secretary

Morgenthau to come along and present his plan for the dismember ment of Germany. It was adopted by Churchill and Roosevelt, without Hull and Stimson being told anything about it. Eventually, as we know, some of the more appalling features of this plan had to be abandoned. But the dismemberment of Germany, with the eastern section in communist hands, is the fact which faces us today. Back in those days, this plan for Germany came to be known as the Morgenthau Plan. But it really should have been called the Stalin-White Plan. And this is why.

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Divided Germany Was A Red Plan

At that time there was operating in Washington a communist cell known as the Silvermaster group. It was, of course, a secret group. One of its members was Harry Dexter White. He was Assistant to Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau. In the Spring of 1944, the Silvermaster group got instructions from a Stalin agent outlining Russia's plan for the dismemberment of Germany. The instructions were passed on to Harry Dexter White because of his close connection with Secretary

Morgenthau. Morgenthau, of course, did not know of White's connection with the communist cell. The Secretary had confidence in his assistant. And when President Roosevelt instructed his cabinet committee to draw up a plan for post-war Germany, Morgenthau presented and fought for the plan prepared by Harry Dexter White—which was really Stalin's plan, transmitted by the Silvermaster Red cell to White, and handed by him to the gullible Morgenthau and Roosevelt.

At Quebec, at first Churchill was angry and indignant when he saw the plan. But he finally agreed to it — after Roosevelt promised him six and a half billion dollars in post-war aid for England. As for President Roosevelt, when he came back from Quebec and Secre-

tary Hull angrily protested against the adoption of such a plan, Roosevelt plaintively remarked that he had agreed to the plan without giving it much thought! Stalin, of course, had given it plenty of thought — and today we face the results.

-John T. Flynn

Foregoing items covered in Mutual network broadcast 5/24/59

BOOK REVIEW

Youth Under The Reds

CHILD OF COMMUNISM by Ede Pfeiffer, 213 pages, Crowell, N. Y. \$3.50

Ede Pfeiffer is 23 years old. He lives with his parents in California. But he was born in Hungary. He was nine years old when the Russian communists "liberated" his country. He saw things no nine-year-old should ever have to look upon. He went to school in Hungary — schools run under communist directives — and then to the Conservatory of Music in Budapest. But he was there only a few weeks when he became an active participant in the ill-fated

Hungarian revolt against the communist oppressors.

Mr. Pfeiffer says he is not a writer. But the simple realism of his story — sparked with touches of humor and tragedy — gives a picture of youth under a Red regime which no learned tome can ever convey. His story is dramatic, terrifying — and hopeful. It is hopeful because in the reaction of Hungarian students to Red rule, there emerges a glimmer of the impossible task faced by the communists — ever to completely eradicate from the hearts and minds of men a love of liberty.

There are revealing incidents in the book for the Western nations, particularly for those British and Americans who like to sneer at warnings about the communist men-

ace within their countries. During the successful early stages of the freedom-fighters' revolt. Pfeiffer came upon the files of the secret police. Among them was a confidential report from Khrushchev to the Hungarian Central (Communist) Committee. Khrushchev had just returned from his visit to Great Britian. He felt Britian's high standard of living made England rich soil for communist ideas. Why? Because, he noted, the sons and daughters of the wealthier families were more susceptible to Red propaganda - and it was from such circles that the Party must

get its recruits! Would it not be interesting to know if Deputy Premier Mikoyan made a similar report after his visit to the United States this past winter?

A word of warning. CHILD OF COMMUNISM is not a book for the very young or the very squeamish. Mr. Pfeiffer sets down what he saw and experienced. His story is often unpretty, to say the least. But what's true is true — he was dealing with the world's most "advanced" barbarians.

Rosalie Gordon

Who's A Bum?

Question — by Rep. August E. Johansen: "In some way or other the reference to Chiang Kai-shek (leader of Free China) as a bum has crept into this testimony. Would you characterize Mr. Stalin or Mr. Khrushchev or any other of the world leaders of communism by that same term?"

Answer - by Harry Bridges, West Coast labor leader: "I think there is quite a difference."

From testimony before the House Un-American Activities Committee

Perils of Politics

From a dispatch to the Chicago Tribune: "The Ivory Coast..is probably the only modern state where a senator has vanished on tour, the suspicion being that he was eaten by his constituents."

Giveaways Build Socialism

"Whether it is federal aid to domestic industries or economic aid to foreigners, it promotes ideas that are alien to our individual enterprise system. It teaches people to rely on the government for economic improvement and development. In fact, it confirms their belief and trust in the government as the source from which all earthly blessings flow.

"Foreign aid strengthens collectivism and its economic manifestation, socialism, in all receiving countries. In the underdeveloped areas of the world where capitalism has never been known it may even be fatal, for it obscures the only durable road toward economic improvement, which is individual initiative and the profit system. Were a study made, I am sure it would reveal a high correlation between the amount of U. S. aid received and the strength of socialism in the various countries. It is high time that we abandon our foreign aid programs lest we infect every comer of the world with our handout philosophy."

Hans F. Sennholz, Chairman Economics Dept., Grove City (Pa.) College.

There are 271 Americans engaged in foreign giveaways in Pakistan. They have 229 autos, 529 refrigerators, 650 stoves, and 666 air conditioners.

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